

TWELVE FIREMEN ARE OVERCOME BY GAS AT FIRE

Fall Unconscious in Cellar
Fighting Flames Caused
by Explosion.

PLANK SAVES WOMEN.

Trapped on Tenement Roof,
They Slide to Safety—
Work of Firebug?

Twelve firemen breathed gas into their lungs in a flaming cellar of a tenement house at No. 312 Fifth avenue at 1:30 o'clock this morning, and one by one they fell unconscious with fire all about them. They would have perished had not other firemen rushed into the thick of the smoke and gas to save them.

Policeman Schmidt, of the East Twenty-second street station, discovered the fire when the cellar doors were belching forth smoke. He sounded an alarm, and then, with Policemen Hoffman, Mann and the four upper floors were aroused and ordered to hurry to the roof. The hallways were so filled with smoke that escape to the street by them was impossible.

The families were not allowed to dress, or save valuables or money. The rain was falling in torrents, and as the smoke came up through the house the fifty or more persons on the roof were panic-stricken.

Slid Down a Plank.
One of the policemen took a plank from the roof and ran it down to the adjoining house, the roof of which was ten feet below. One after the other men, women and children tobogganed down the incline, and when the firemen came there were no tenants to rescue.

The men of Engine No. 5 and Truck No. 3 were the first to arrive on the scene. The ground floor of the house was occupied by Fishmann & Gottlieb's furnishing goods store. In the cellar were packing boxes and large quantities of excelsior. The fire started in the excelsior.

Acting under orders from Deputy Chief Shuy, the men of the two companies broke into the cellar and dived down. They were getting the better of the flames, when there was a terrific explosion as the heat broke the gas meter.

Fell in a Heap.
Some of the men close to the street door managed to reach the sidewalk, but most of them were in the rear of the cellar. As they made a dash for safety they began falling, and toppled over one another until they lay in a heap.

Then came other firemen. They ventured down into the gas-filled cellar and the rescue of their companions was begun. A tarpaulin was spread on the street under an awning, and a temporary hospital was established.

The police came from the East Twenty-second street station, and while the firemen worked in relays to hold the flames in check, the police began artificial respiration on the firemen.

One of the first of the unconscious men to revive was "Jim" Reilly, of Engine No. 3. Before the policeman could hold him back he was in the fire lines a second time, and a second time he collapsed. Again he was revived, and a third time he took his place in the gas-filled cellar, only to collapse. His condition then was such that he was ordered taken to quarters in an ambulance.

Gas Pipes Melted.
The gas pipes all through the foundation of the burning house had melted from heat, and the situation was becoming alarming, when a man from the Consolidated Gas Company came running up and shut off the gas supply on the block.

This left the block in darkness, and the smoke was so thick that the firemen could not see where to turn their hose. After two hours' work the flames were under control.

How the fire started is a question. The firemen say it may have been incendiary and it may not. An investigation is being made by the Fire Marshal.

MORPHINE DEATH ON SHIPS.

Dr. Sardanarria, of Colombia, Died on Steamer of Overdose.
The death of Dr. Ernesto E. Sardanarria, of Medellin, Colombia, of morphine poisoning while at sea on the steamer Prinz August Wilhelm Saturday last, was made known when the steamer arrived to-day from West Indian ports.

Dr. Sardanarria was very sick on the passage, and was attended by the ship's physician. It was supposed that the patient took an overdose of morphine.

MISS MCCAUSLAN PUT ON RACK AT MRS. TEAL'S TRIAL

Lawyer for Stage Manager's
Wife Tries to Show Witness
Set Trap for Client.

The trial of Margaret Teal, wife of Ben Teal, a stage manager, went on to-day before Judge Foster in Part V. of General Sessions, with Mabel McCauslan on the stand under cross-examination by Mrs. Teal's counsel, Col. Robert J. Haire, regarding her story that Mrs. Teal and Harry Mousley, a private detective, coached her to tell a perjured story of having seen Frank J. Gould in Jessie Devine's apartment.

Mr. Haire seemed to be directing his examination with the general purpose of proving that Miss McCauslan was an ingrate. Mrs. Teal, who was attired most becomingly in a black cloth dress, was much pleased with Mr. Haire's work.

Miss McCauslan said that she had recently been employed at Danbury, Conn., as a book agent, but that she was now living with her sister at No. 307 West Twenty-first street. Col. Haire asked if she had not regarded Mrs. Teal as a particular friend.

"I had known her several months," said the girl.

Sought Favors From Her.
Q. You sought favors from her right up to the time you caused her arrest, did you not? A. Yes.

Q. Were not you trying to entrap Mrs. Teal all the time? A. No.

Miss McCauslan acknowledged that Mrs. Teal introduced her to Florenz Ziegfeld, Lee Shubert and other leaders of dramatic art in New York. She said she had taken meals at Mrs. Teal's house.

Mr. Haire secured admissions from the girl that she had advised two persons to whom Mrs. Teal owed money to go to a lawyer named Katz and begin suit against her.

"Did you ever go to Lawyer Katz or Sachs and say that they ought to put Mrs. Teal on the island for a year or two?"
A. No.

The girl was not obliged to answer the question. She said that she had been known as "Miss Conklin" and that her sister had written to her under that name. Also that she used the name "Miss Diamond" for one day, and that under Mrs. Teal's advice she took the name of "Winter" for a stage name. She said that she had never been known as "Miss Miller."

Several times during Miss McCauslan's testimony Mrs. Teal was moved to laughter, and at one time her outburst of mirth was heard all over the courtroom.

The girl admitted that when she made out an affidavit falsely setting forth that she had seen Frank J. Gould leaving the room of Jessie Devine, she was told by Mrs. Teal to sign the name of "Miss Conklin" and to sign the name of "Winter" for a stage name. She said that she had never been known as "Miss Miller."

THANKS TO CARNEGIE.
LONDON, Feb. 24.—The seventh annual meeting of the Carnegie Trust for Universities of Scotland, the object of which is to improve and extend the opportunities of scientific study, was held here to-day under the presidency of Lord Elgin. A. J. Balfour proposed the annual effort made by Mrs. Teal to get her Mabel McCauslan and Blanche Hale, a hairdresser at the Hotel Lincoln, to draw and sign false affidavits, to be used against Frank J. Gould in the divorce case.

Mrs. McCauslan said the only support she ever gave to the plot to get the false affidavits was when she produced pictures of Gould and showed them around.

"Isn't Mrs. Teal a good friend of yours?"
A. No, she isn't a good friend, she isn't even a dear friend," said the witness.

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Arthur Hammerstein, who landed the only knock-down punch in a recent famous clash between the clan Hammerstein and the critics of the Press, modestly permitted it to be known to-day that he is the middle-weight champion of the Fifty-seventh street Y. M. C. A. The young man has kept this startling fact under his own hat, not even permitting any of the thrilling mystery to escape into the hat of Papa Oscar. For weeks Arthur has boxed and boxed with the nice young men of the Y. M. C. A. He has slapped them away, biffed them away, uppercuted them to sleep, walloped them into syncope and landed the slumberland haymaker on the point of the jaw.

"Am I in training?" said the young man to-day with a mysterious frown. "Surely, I'm in training. Who for? For nobody in particular."

"Then you are not preparing a handy Jovian wallop for the critics who write saucy things about your father in the papers?"

"Not at all," replied Arthur, genially. "I love the critics when they are kind. I'm not training for them, but I want to be prepared in case any of them come around seeking trouble. This isn't any new stunt with me. I've been a boxer for years. Kid McCoy gave me my first lessons a long while since, and I have kept it up. Murray is fitting me out now with a handy set of long-reach swings and short body blows. Harry Mock, in the Victoria cafe, tried to teach me a new wallop the other night, but I put him away with one chin-lasher."

"Then I took on Morris Gest and John McBride, the doorman. Morris hollered murder before the end of a round, and McBride had a sudden passionate desire to keep a date he'd forgot."

"Why young Drexel Biddle, down in Philadelphia, was going to challenge me some time ago, but after he sent a private detective up to the Y. M. C. A. and got a line on my work he backed out. My fiercest training has been done within the past two months. In that time I have taken off thirty pounds and am now in magnificent trim. It's grand exercise, really."

450-YEAR-OLD SERMON ON "KEEPING" OF LENT.

Father Evers Reads It to Congregation After Ash Wednesday Service.

Ash Wednesday services were held to-day in all the Catholic and Episcopal churches of the city.

In St. Andrew's, the "night workers' church," in Duane street, at the Ash Wednesday service to-day the Rev. Luke Evers, pastor of the church, after the ceremony of saving the ashes, delivered a short sermon on the way Lent should be observed. He preached his remarks by reading an extract from the writings of Barnabas monk who died 400 years ago.

"This sermon was preached 400 years ago to-day, and it applies as well to-day as it did then," he said. It referred principally to the way Lent should be observed, with the true spirit of the Christian, the observance of the fast to be carried out in a secret rather than a public manner, in contrast to Pharisaical show.

At St. Peter's Church, in Barclay street, an interesting schedule of non-day services will be held by the Rev. Bertrand Conway, from 8 P. M. to March 2 to April 2. "Non-Catholics and Catholics will be equally welcome," is the statement on the leaflet announcing the course of lectures to be given.

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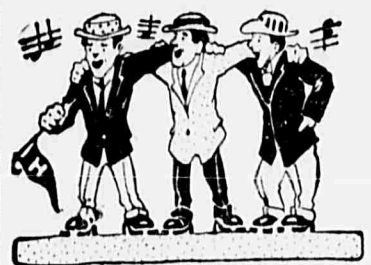
BURNED TO DEATH IN RICH MAN'S HOME

Young Son of Thomas W.
Pierce Saved From Blazing
Mansion as Domestic Dies.

SALEM, Mass., Feb. 24.—A coachman and a nurse saved the life of the young son of Thomas W. Pierce from the burning home of the family last night, but Mrs. Eva Wood, for many years employed by Mr. Pierce, was burned to death. Mr. Pierce is in Texas and his boy, five years old, was the only member of the family at home, as Mrs. Pierce is receiving medical treatment in New York.

The coachman discovered the fire and gained entrance to the house in time to assist the nurse to leave the burning structure with the boy. The coachman, who would not reveal his name, was considerably burned about the face and hands. Mrs. Wood, the cook, was asleep in her room on the top floor, and as the stairways were ablaze it was impossible to rescue her. The house, which was destroyed, was an old-fashioned mansion of much local historical interest, and had been occupied by Mr. Pierce as a summer home for several years. Mrs. Pierce has been well known as a horse-woman.

RUSSIAN STOCKS DOWN.
ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 24.—Exchange fell and all government securities and industrial were weak on the market to-day on account of the Austro-Serbian situation. The new loan dropped from 90 to 81, and Russian is Russian is dropped 1-8 each to 74-1/2 and 97 respectively.



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Then It Is Learned That One
Is "Big Cleveland," a Notorious Criminal.

James Winters, old and gray haired; John Murray and John Ryan were arrested last night by detectives on a Myrtle avenue car in Brooklyn and locked up as pickpockets. They were arraigned to-day in the Adams Street Court, when the detectives described

to Magistrate Steers how the trio worked their trade.
"They squeeze the victim up between them and at the same time pick his pockets," said the detectives.
The trio pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, paid small fines and were then taken to the Brooklyn Police Headquarters, where Capt. Kuhne recognized Ryan as "Big Cleveland," a notorious "dip." He also recognized Winters.
"Why, you tried to pick my pocket less than a year ago," said Kuhne.
"I haven't been to New York in eight years," said Winters.
After the three had gone out it was discovered that Winters was wanted for jumping his bail in Wilkes-Barre. A policeman was sent out. He found Winters and brought him back, much to the old man's disgust. He will be held awaiting extradition papers.

STARIN BREAKING UP.
(Special to The Evening World.)
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